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REMARKS

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1. Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) airfield. There was no flying between 5 and 9 November at Wiener Neustadt airfield. On 16 November, about 37 single-engine jet planes, 20 single-engine fighters, and 2 biplanes were observed. Jet aircraft flew between 5 and 10 p.m. on 16 November. The planes took off and landed individually from north to south at intervals of 5 to 10 minutes. A row of red searchlights set up at the southern edge of the field beamed toward the landing strip. Another row of white searchlights set up north of the landing strip beamed their lights toward the south. They were switched off after the landings or take-offs were completed. A mobile searchlight was also observed in operation. The radar station was still at the Wiener Neustadt - Bad Fischau (O 48/X 34) highway.

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2. On 13 and 14 November, the Artillerie Kaserne and the Nachrichten Kaserne in Wiener Neustadt still quartered air force personnel.

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3. Strasshof (P 49/S 50) airfield. There was no flying at the field on 16 November 1951. The field itself could not be observed because of dense fog.

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Four majors, 21 captains, and 45 lieutenants of all grades, equipped with map cases, notebooks, and books, were observed. About 25 percent of the air force officers wore silver epaulets. On 18 November, the field was occupied by 48 Pe-2s, 25 single-engine jet planes and 9 single-engine fighters. (2)

4. Aspern (P 49/X 49) airfield. On 18 and 19 November, the field was occupied by 92 Pe-2s, 12 single-engine planes with in-line engines and four-bladed propellers, and 6 single-engine planes with radial engines and two-bladed propellers. There was no flying.

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According to local residents, on 11 November grading was under way on the landing field.

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5. Zwoelfaxing (P 49/X 43) airfield. On 7 November, the field was occupied by about 40 Pe-2s. There was no flying; the weather was hazy. (4)
6. Goetzendorf (P 49/X 57) airfield. On 22 November 1951, the field was occupied by 34 Pe-2s, 2 Tu-2s, and 3 single-engine planes. There was no flying because of rain. Six majors, 12 captains, and 17 senior lieutenants and junior lieutenants, all wearing blue service color with gold epaulets, were observed in a building on the approach road to the Fasanengarten Kaserne, southeast of Goetzendorf. (5)
7. Bad Voeslau (O 48/X 36) airfield. On 12 November 1951, the field was occupied by 24 Pe-2s, 2 Li-2s, and 2 biplanes. There was no flying. Buildings in Bad Voeslau which were still occupied by air force troops included: the komendatura, the garage at 15 Bahnstrasse, probably the signal center and Gainfarn Castle where additional telephone wires had been laid. (6)
8. Trauersdorf (P 48/X 55) airfield. On 14 November, two radio installations, one near Rosalia Chapel and the other at the northern exit of Oggau (P 48/X 65), were moved. A radio installation similar to the one previously located near Rosalia Chapel was being established near a building in Maierhof, east of Oggau railroad station. Two radio trucks, a van-like truck, and a truck were observed there. (7)

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Comments.

- (1) Wiener Neustadt airfield is still believed to be occupied by a jet and a conventional fighter regiment.
- (2) One jet fighter regiment and two bomber regiments are still believed to be stationed at Strasshof airfield. The appearance of many officers may indicate that an officers' conference was held at the allegeded division headquarters in Deutsch Wagram.
- (3) Because of its heavy occupation by bombers, Aspern airfield is believed to be occupied by at least two bomber regiments and a division headquarters. The single-engine planes belong to the unit which was transferred from Parndorf (P 48/X 77) to Aspern. The description of these aircraft may indicate that they are not fighters but probably F 63 As, Yak-11s, and UT-2s. Therefore, it is believed probable that a training unit is stationed there.
- (4) Zwoelfaxing airfield is still believed to be occupied by a bomber regiment.
- (5) It is believed that Goetzendorf airfield is still occupied by a bomber regiment.
- (6) An air reconnaissance regiment is still believed to be stationed in Bad Voeslau.
- (7) The radio installations were previously reported. [REDACTED]

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